GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS UNDER BRGF
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made States/UTs accountable for utilisation of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) allocated to them; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA DEO)

(a)&(b) : As per the Guidelines of the Backward Regions Grant Fund (BRGF) Programme, regular physical and financial audit of the works under the BRGF Programme is required to be carried out at the end of each financial year, in each district. The audit is to be done either by Local Fund Auditors or by Chartered Accountants listed in the panel of the State Government or AGs of the State. The Audit Reports, Physical & Financial Progress Reports, Utilization Certificates, Non-diversion/ Non-embezzlement Certificates etc. in respect of the funds released earlier are to be furnished by the State Governments to the Ministry of Panchayat Raj at the time of claiming subsequent releases. BRGF Funds are required to be transferred to the Implementing Entities within 15 days of the release of funds to the Consolidated Fund of the States failing which penal interest is required to be paid by the State Governments.